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(54) **SYSTEM, METHOD, AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING POWER CONSUMPTION IN A PORTABLE DEVICE CAPABLE OF RECEIVING SATELLITE NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM SIGNALS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods, systems, and portable devices which reduce the power used by a portable device to receive/process satellite navigational system signals and/or to compute the portable device's position using satellite navigational system signals are described. One portable device retrieves power usage information corresponding to its current location, where the power usage information is based on aggregate data from portable devices which have traversed and/or are traversing the current location. The portable device then selects a power saving mode from a plurality of power saving modes based on the retrieved power usage information, where each power saving mode reduces power usage in one or more of receiving and/or processing satellite navigational system signals, and/or computing the portable device's position using the satellite navigational system signals.

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